

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Charles Magruder House Survey Number: G:I-C-069  
Project: Tri-Star Surface Mining Project Agency: BOM  
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no      yes Name                      Date               
Eligibility recommended              Eligibility not recommended X  
Criteria:     A     B     C     D Considerations:     A     B     C     D     E     F     G     None  
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Charles Magruder House is located on the south side of Russell Road, approximately one mile north of Bartlett Road, in the vicinity of Barton, Garrett County, MD. The property which consists of a single-family dwelling, a frame bankbarn and a frame springhouse, is not eligible for listing on the National Register.

The Magruder House is a two-story, front-gabled frame dwelling. The house is elevated upon a rubble stone foundation and is of balloon-frame constructed, clad with weatherboard walls. The house is two bays wide, but extends a long five bays deep with doors located on the front and side elevations (a door on the second story of the side indicates that this elevation was once adorned with a double-story porch). The house was built in the last quarter of the 19th century, and though it provides a good example of a relatively common dwelling form for the era and period, it lacks the architectural integrity to qualify for listing under Criterion . The dwelling is currently abandoned and much of the original fabric, including the windows, are missing.

The property is not known to have had associations with persons or events significant to our past and is thus not eligible under A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance

Prepared by: Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor, MHT/Bureau of Mines, 1981.

Kimberly Prothro Williams October 2, 1996  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes      no      not applicable  
Peter M. Kuntz 10/7/96  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT****I. Geographic Region:**

☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)  
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)  
☐ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)  
☒ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

**II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:**

☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.  
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.  
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.  
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.  
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.  
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900  
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600  
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750  
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815  
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
☒ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930  
☐ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present  
☐ Unknown Period ( ☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

**III. Prehistoric Period Themes:**

☐ Subsistence  
☐ Settlement  
☐ Political  
☐ Demographic  
☐ Religion  
☐ Technology  
☐ Environmental Adaptation

**IV. Historic Period Themes:**

☐ Agriculture  
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning  
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)  
☐ Government/Law  
☐ Military  
☐ Religion  
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural  
☐ Transportation

**V. Resource Type:**Category: BuildingHistoric Environment: RuralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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late 19th c.

Charles Magruder House

Barton

Private

The Charles Magruder House is a two story, gable-roofed, balloon frame building on a foundation of coursed, roughly squared stone. It rests on hewn sills and log joists. Weatherboard is nailed directly over the studs on the exterior, while lath and plaster sheathe the interior walls. The basic form of the building is a five bay by two bay, center hall plan with a symmetrical arrangement of 6/6 sash windows. Both stories have center doorways, indications of the two-tiered porch that once extended around the building.

A frame bank barn and a frame springhouse are included on the site.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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MAGI #1201975635

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Charles Magruder House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Off Russell Rd. - S side, 1.1 miles N of Bartlett Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Barton

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Charles Magruder

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 95, WR G

Folio #: 235, 566

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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The Charles Magruder House is located on the south side of Russell Road approximately 1.1 miles north of Bartlett Road. The house, a springhouse, and a barn are situated on a dirt lane .4 mile from the road in the vicinity of Pickell Hill.

The house is a frame, two story, gable-roofed building on a stone foundation. It measures 5 bays by 2 bays and is oriented with its ridgeline running E-W. The 5 bay north and south elevations have symmetrically placed six over six sash windows with raised, four panel doors in their center bays on both the first and second floors. (Local residents claim that the house once had a two level porch extending all around the house. This justifies the second floor exterior doors, however, no scars indicating the locations of the porch mar the building.) Since both north and south elevations are identical, it is uncertain which served as the main facade. The endwalls are also symmetrically arranged; the east end, in addition, having a center door and a shed porch.

The building rests on a coursed, roughly squared stone foundation topped by hewn sills that are half-lapped at the corners. The floor joists are log, hewn on two sides, and the walls are balloon frame. The interior of the frame is covered with lath and plaster. Weatherboard is nailed directly over the studs on the exterior except for the west endwall which has had some alteration. It is covered with diagonal board and the window openings are cut through the exterior layer only, not the interior lath and plaster. Window and door surrounds consist of plain, flat board with narrow sills and simple drip moldings. The roof is covered with tarpaper and has a narrow box cornice with partial gable end returns. A brick stove chimney is located on the eastern end of the ridgeline.

The interior plan is arranged around a center hall with one large room on the east side and two rooms on the west side.

A balloon frame springhouse on a coursed, roughly squared stone foundation lies northeast of the house. Its gable roof, which is covered with tarpaper, projects over the southeast entrance. The interior has a concrete floor and a concrete trough on the northeast wall. Vertical board siding covers the exterior.

A frame, gable-roofed bank barn lies northwest of the house. It rests on a stepped foundation of coursed, roughly squared stone and is sided with vertical board. A shed wing extends across the rear (southwest elevation).

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is an example of a common western Maryland type. Houses of this general configuration, a rectangular main block, were constructed in Garrett County from the late nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

May 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

301-269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

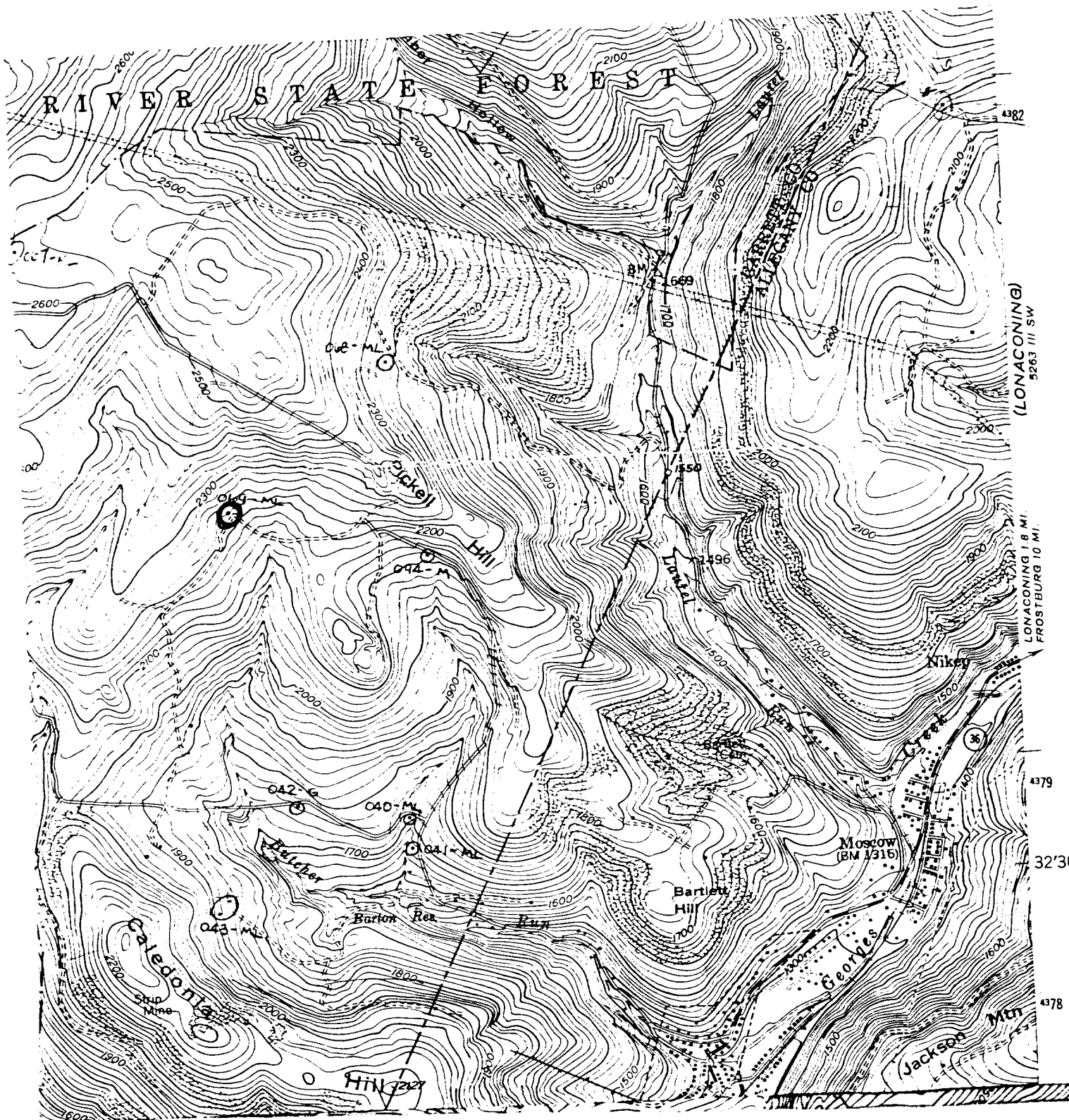
STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Barton, MD  
 USGS 7.5 minute series  
 Scale - 1:24,000  
 1947; photorevised 1974

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Garrett Co., MD

Ann Burns 10/20/80

N elev.



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S side & E gable end